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I have the honour to forward to you, herewith, a statement issued by the Press Service of the Ministry of Defence of Nagorno Karabakh on 8 March 2005 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 163, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Press Service of the Ministry of Defence of Nagorno Karabakh

On 7 March 2005, at 11 a.m., an Azerbaijani intelligence-diversionary group attempted to penetrate the rear of the Army of Nagorno Karabakh in the north-east section of the contact line between the armed forces of Nagorno Karabakh and Azerbaijan, near the settlement of Seysulan in the Martakert region of Nagorno Karabakh.

The servicemen in the Karabakh forces who were on duty noted the actions of the Azerbaijani intelligence-diversionary group and took the necessary steps to neutralize it. As a result of a skirmish, the adversary had to retreat. There were no losses on the Karabakh side.

The Press Service of the Ministry of Defence of Nagorno Karabakh draws attention to the fact that the Azerbaijani side continues to take steps to destabilize the situation on the demarcation line, attempting diversionary actions in the rear of the armed forces and advancing its positions to the front lines of the Army of Nagorno Karabakh.

The Press Service warns once again that any actions of the Azerbaijani side that threaten the security of Nagorno Karabakh and can lead to the destabilization of the situation in the Azerbaijani-Karabakh conflict zone will be resolutely suppressed.

The Press Service of the Ministry of Defence of Nagorno Karabakh appeals to the Azerbaijani side to strictly follow the ceasefire regime and not to threaten the peace and security in the region.

Stepanakert
8 March 2005